GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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MEDICAL NORMS FOR PILOTS AND CABIN CREW
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a circular issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)pilots and cabin crew of domestic airlines who suffer from hypertension would be grounded till their blood pressure is found satisfactory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any limit of blood pressure has been fixed for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued `Aeronautical Information Circular`, SI. No. 10/2008 on `Disposal of Cases of Hypertension in Civil Aircrew`. In case of hypertension is confirmed, the pilot is taken off flying duties and treated by his authorized medical attendant till satisfactory control of blood pressure is achieved. The President, Medical Board may endorse `Temporarily Unfit` for flying duties for four weeks and advise the individual for next review at Institute of Aero-Space Medicine, Bangalore/Air Force Central Medical Establishment (AFCME), New Delhi only.

(c)&(d): Blood Pressure recording of 140/90mm hg is accepted as normal limit.